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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Neubrandenburg airfield between 12 and 27 March 1954:

17 March. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was air activity by twin-engine aircraft, some of which flew at altitudes of 200 to 300 meters below the clouds, and others flew in or above the clouds. Up to 10 aircraft were simultaneously aloft. There was a 9/10 overcast.

18 March. Between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., individual and formation flights were made. During the individual flying, the Li-2s would circle once widely over the field and, during formation flying, the aircraft flew in elements of twos and flights of threes circling in the vicinity of the field. The flight altitudes were between 150 and 300 meters, while the sky was 7/10 overcast.

19 March. Throughout the day, formation flying was mostly practiced with up to 10 aircraft being aloft at the same time; at night, individual flights were made.

22 March. Formation flights were made during the late afternoon, and individual flights were conducted after nightfall. There were no clouds.

24 March. Between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., there was individual flying by Li-2s which individually took off at intervals of about 30 minutes and flew in various directions. The first landing was made about 1 hour after the first take-off.

25 March. About 9 a.m., 18 Li-2s parked in two rows opposite each other and along the southern taxiway, were counted at the field. The weather was overcast with clear visibility. No air activity was conducted.

27 March. Shortly before nightfall, 18 Li-2s were again observed along the southern taxiway.

The formation flights by Li-2s observed between 12 and 27 March were apparently conducted by very experienced pilots as the flights were made with great accuracy and skill.

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1. Comment. Neubrandenburg airfield is still occupied by a transport regiment equipped with about 30 Li-2s.

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